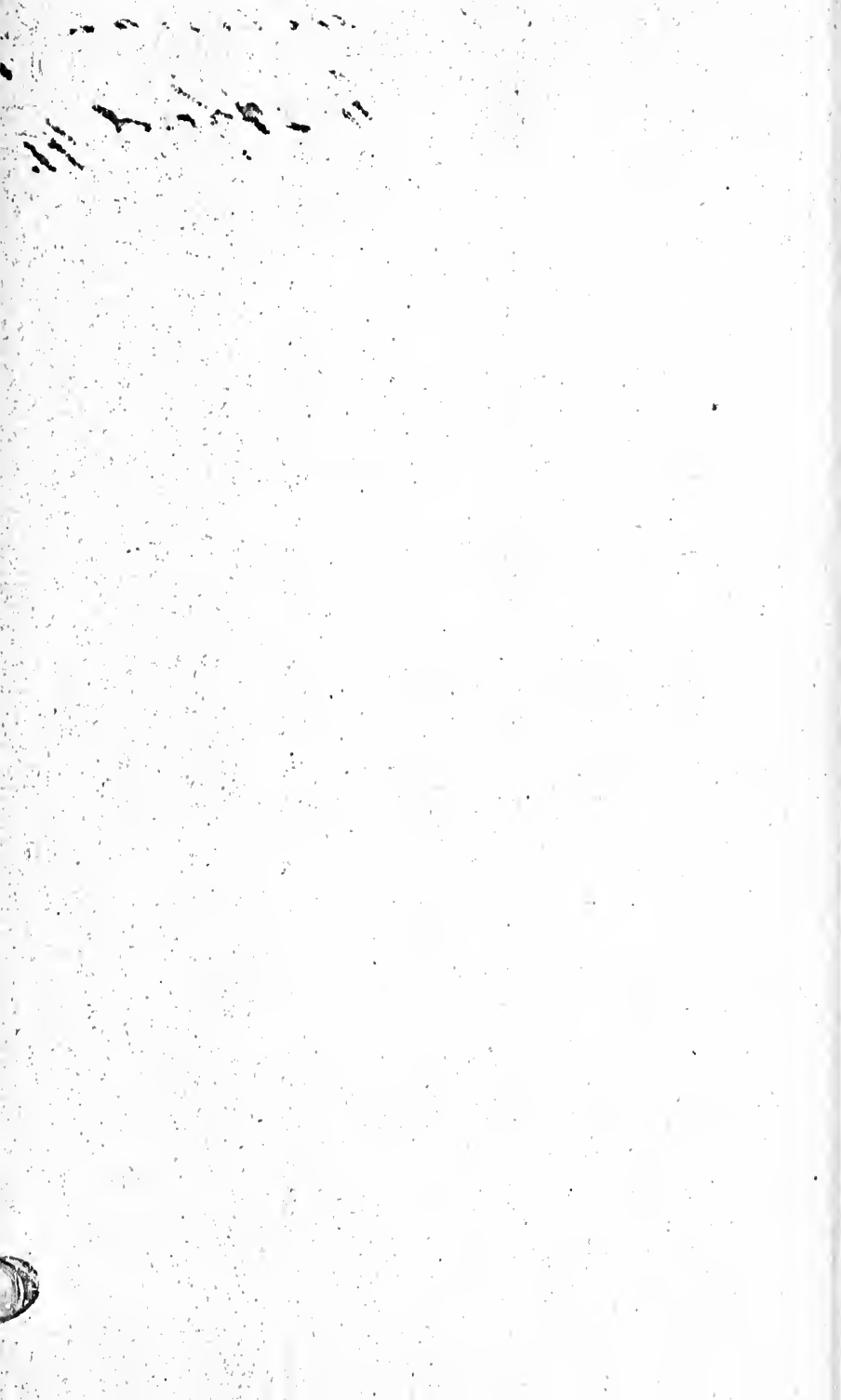




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SATURDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

According to appointment, the Convention met in the Baptist Church, and listened to the Introductory Sermon, by Rev. JAMES M. SCOTT, from John 18: 26.

In the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, J. Hartwell was called to the Chair, and M. P. Jewett was requested to act as Secretary.

The names of Delegates were recorded:

Coosa River Association.—JAMES M. SCOTT, OLIVER WELCH, SAMUEL HENDERSON, S. G. JENKINS, *THOMAS CHILTON, *E. BORUM.

Mercer Juvenile Missionary Society.—A. B. McWHORTER, Jr.

Silvnia Church.—J. H. DeVOIE, M. P. JEWETT, S. S. Sherman.

Montgomery Church.—A. T. M. Handy.

Irwinton Church.—W. P. PATTISON, R. C. Shorter, W. H. Thornton.

Liberty Association.—F. CALLOWAY, W. B. JONES, J. FALKNER, J. BRITTON, O. ECHOLS, *R. THORNTON, *D. B. CULBERTSON, *B. H. WILSON, G. W. Gunn, B. Stamps, *D. Thornton.

Canaan Association.—*H. COX, *ISAAC ELLIGE, *R. WOOD.

Collinsville Monthly Concert Prayer Meeting.—Green Rives.

Other Members.—J. HARTWELL, J. D. WILLIAMS, A. W. CHAMBERS, J. A. COLLINS, J. D. MOODIE, J. B. SMITH, THOMAS D. ARMSTRONG, A. BOYD, G. G. McLENDON, P. W. SPEAR, R. P. LIDE, A. B. McWhorter, R. Anderson, C. A. DENNIS, W. H. PARKER, W. B. HARRELSON, C. BILLINGSLEY, D. GORDON, J. MALLORY, T. B. BURDEN, J. M. NEWMAN, J. BRAZIER, R. J. WARE, J. GINDRAT, B. MOCK.

CORRESPONDENTS—Salem Association.—W. P. PATTISON, A. BOYD, J. R. SMITH, G. G. McLENDON, W. H. PARKER, S. N. BRINGTON, C. A. DENNIS, *J. B. BURNETT, T. S. YOUNGBLOOD, R. C. SHORTER, W. H. THORNTON, F. MARTIN.

Choctaw Association.—A. Letter.

The Presbyterian Church having been kindly offered for the meetings of the Convention, the members adjourned to meet at that place, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

*MINISTERS names in small capitals—*Licentiates* in italics. *Absent.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The members having reassembled, after prayer organized by the election of Officers.

J. HARTWELL, *President*.
 R. C. SHORTER, *1st Vice President*.
 W. JENKINS, *2d Vice President*.
 J. H. DEVOTIE, *Cor. Secretary*.
 M. P. JEWETT, *Rec. Secretary*.
 C. BILLINGSLEA, *Treasurer*.

Letters were read from the Pastors of the Presbyterian, the Methodist Episcopal, and the Methodist Protestant Churches, tendering the use of their pulpits to the Ministers of the Convention.

The following committees were announced from the Chair:

On Arrangements for Preaching.—McWhorter, Peters, Harrelson, Ware, Mallory.

On Domestic Missions.—Moodie, Rives, Shorter, Falkner.

On Nominations.—Anderson, Gordon, Williams, DeVotie.

On the Order of Business.—DeVotie, Fide, W. H. Thornton, Jewett.

On Education.—Welch, Billingslea, Sherman, Pattison, Jewett.

On Sabbath Schools.—Chambliss, Jones, Handy, Henderson, Collins.

On the State of Religion.—Scott, Armstrong, Echols, Henderson.

On Finance.—Brevard, McLendon, Sherman.

On Foreign Missions.—Sherman, Calloway, Hartwell.

On Periodicals.—DeVotie, Chambliss, Pattison, Stamps.

On Temperance.—Britton, Stamps, Gunn, Welch, Brazier.

On an Address to Ministers relative to the Objects of the Convention.—Hartwell, Ware, Welch, DeVotie.

On the Names and Post Offices of Baptist Ministers in the State.—Scott, Dennis, Calloway, Collins, DeVotie, Henderson, Hartwell.

Letters were read from A. J. Holcombe, late Recording Secretary, and from W. C. Crane, late Treasurer of the Convention—referred to Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Trustees of Howard College was read, and referred to Committee on Education.

The Report of Committee on Arrangements for Preaching designated brethren Hartwell, Chambliss, DeVotie, Welch, Pattison and Jewett, to occupy the churches on the Sabbath. Adopted.

A letter was read from Gen. E. D. King, of Marion, proposing to convey his interest in the Judson Female Institute to the Convention. Verbal statements were made by J. H. DeVotie, to the effect, that other Stockholders concurred in the desire to place the Institution under the control of this body. The subject was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of brethren Billingslea, Welch, and Shorter.

Adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer.

The Missionary Sermon, yesterday, by brother Hartwell, was followed by a collection of something over One Hundred Dollars.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented, as follows :

The Board of Managers beg leave to make the following report :— By a resolution passed at the last session of the Convention, it was made the duty of this Board to report on all subjects embraced within the objects of the Convention. As but few of these objects have claimed their attention, they will confine their remarks to such only.

At the first meeting of the Board after the adjournment of the Convention, brother W. Jenkins resigned his place as Vice President, and Dr. R. J. Ware was appointed to succeed him. Rev. G. F. Heard was appointed College Agent, but subsequently declining, Rev. J. H. DeVotie was named as his successor. Rev. Thomas Chilton having resigned as General Agent, Rev. W. C. Crane received the appointment, but a few weeks after was compelled by ill health to relinquish the agency, since which time, no one has been in the field. Rev. John D. Williams was appointed Missionary for Coosa and Tallapoosa Counties, where he labored with great zeal and fidelity for three months. Rev. S. Henderson was employed as Missionary for Benton, Jackson, St. Clair, and DeKalb Counties. During the six months of his arduous labors, he preached eighty-two Sermons, delivered nearly as many Lectures and Addresses on different subjects, and baptized eleven persons. Rev. Solon Lindsley has acted as our Missionary in Selma and the vicinity. He labored three months, and constituted a church in Selma, of which he was chosen Pastor. Missionaries appointed by Associations in different parts of the State, have accomplished much in the Master's service.

It is greatly to be regretted, that owing to causes which the Board could not control, the anticipations of the last Convention have not been realized. Perhaps we have depended too much on human wisdom and strength. Let us look to God for wisdom, and implore his blessing upon all our future attempts.

The pecuniary embarrassments of the times have prevented the College Agent from accomplishing any of the designs contemplated at your last meeting.

At the last session of the Legislature, a Charter was obtained for the Howard College. A Preparatory Department has been in successful operation during the year, under the care of brethren Sherman and Lindsley.

The Board rejoice to state, that the cause of Temperance is making rapid advances in the State.

Since Foreign and Domestic Missions claim our chief attention, the Board would earnestly recommend, that some system of operations be adopted, by which the capabilities and the energies of the Thirty Thou-

sand Baptists in Alabama may be brought to bear with constancy and efficiency on the great and benevolent plans and objects of the Convention. As one of the means to be employed, the Board would respectfully suggest the establishment of a Religious Periodical, to be devoted to the interests of the Convention.

Let us labor while it is day, when success is certain. God's blessing is pledged to us, and the salvation of sinners is at stake.

Respectfully submitted:

R. J. WARE, *Chairman.*

W. T. HATCHETT, *Secretary.*

The Reports of brethren Williams, Henderson, and Lindsley, were read and referred to the committee on Domestic Missions.

R. J. Ware, Shorter, McWhorter, Gunn, and Gindrat, were appointed a committee to report on the Library belonging to the Convention, now in charge of Rev. D. P. Bestor.

The following was submitted by the committee on Sabbath Schools:

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report: that so far as they have been able to learn, the cause of Sabbath Schools is onward. They have already been established in many places, and are in successful operation; and we are happy to report that from these nurseries of piety many of the churches have received valuable accessions. From the information which your committee have received, there have been, on average, five conversions in each school reported during the past conventional year. This fact strongly recommends to your body the importance of these institutions, and we suggest that some systematic measures be adopted, if possible, by which Sabbath Schools may be established in every church and neighborhood in the State.

A. W. CHAMBLISS.

Brethren Gunn, Ware, Harrelson, and Welch, were named as a committee on the revision of the Constitution.

Appointed brethren Jenkins, Jones, Shorter, Gunn, Falkner, Ware, Harrelson, Delegates to the Georgia Convention: To the Mississippi Convention, brethren DeVotie, Williams, Collins, Gordon: To the Tennessee Convention, Gordon and Collins.

Instructed the Corresponding Secretary to write to the Choctaw Association.

Voted, That any brethren whose names stand on the Minutes shall be authorized to appear before any body with which this Convention maintains correspondence, on presenting a copy of the Minutes.

Voted, To print 1500 copies of the Minutes.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary distribute the Minutes, sending a package to the Moderator of each Association in the State.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Convention be held with the Siloam Church, Marion, Perry County.

Appointed, J. Hartwell to preach the Introductory Sermon; F. Calhoun, Alternate. To preach the Missionary Sermon, A. W. Chambliss, Henderson, Alternate. Adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M. Prayer.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

After prayer, the following Report on Temperance was submitted :

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report : In every part of the State from which we are able to obtain information, very much has been done to promote this cause. Numerous societies have been formed whose influence is felt through all classes of the community. Where drunkenness has formerly been a crying evil, sobriety now reigns, and the reformation has frequently been the precursor and the handmaid of pure and undefiled religion. The perceptible change in the manner of celebrating the National Anniversary of our Independence, is a source of unfeigned satisfaction to every christian patriot. In very many places this day is now observed on strictly Temperance principles. Much has been done, but much still remains to be done. Instead of relaxing our efforts, we feel it incumbent on us to redouble our exertions, that while we pray to be delivered from temptation, we may not place a stumbling-block in the way of our brethren, our neighbors, or our own families. In conclusion, we submit the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all members of Baptist Churches, to unite themselves with Temperance Societies; and, especially, would we urge on our Ministers and Deacons, to take a decided stand in favor of the cause.

Resolved, That as the dissemination of Temperance intelligence has done much good, we recommend the circulation in our churches of the "Journal of the American Union," New York, and the "Banner," Penfield, Georgia.

JOHN BRITTON, *Chairman*.

The committee on the Letter of Gen. E. D. King read the subjoined Report :

Whereas, Bro. E. D. King in a communication to this Convention, of the 10th inst. has kindly proposed to convey to this Convention all his interest in the Judson Female Institute, located in the town of Marion, Perry county; and whereas, in order to enable this body to hold and enjoy the donation referred to, and to carry out the design of the donor, it is necessary that this Convention be clothed with corporate power:

1. *Be it therefore Resolved*, That the Executive Committee take the necessary steps to insure the incorporation of this Convention.

2. *Resolved*, That we do cheerfully accept the munificent offer of E. D. King, of his interest in the Judson Institute—and that Brethren Gunn, Hartwell, and DeVotie, be appointed a committee to accept the same—in their name as Trustees of this Convention, together with any other donations of similar character, for the purposes mentioned; and that said conveyance or conveyances be so framed as to vest in this Convention a full and complete title upon the approval of an act of incorporation in favor of this body.

3. *Resolved*, That General E. D. King be henceforth considered a **LIFE MEMBER** of this Convention.

C. BILLINGSLEA, *Chairman*.

Voted, That the Executive Committee make arrangements to carry into effect the suggestions contained in the first resolution above.

Adjourned to Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was followed by the Report on the State of Religion.

The committee on the State of Religion, would respectfully report: That they have had this subject under consideration, and are happy to say, that so far as they have been able to ascertain the facts, the cause of our Redeemer during our last conventional year, has been on the advance; Benevolent institutions are gaining favor, and opposition is giving way to the light of Divine truth. From various quarters we hear of large accessions to our churches.

J. M. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

The committee on Domestic Missions presented their Report.

The committee on Domestic Missions, beg leave to report: After a prayerful consideration of the subject, and feeling also the liveliest interest in the supply of all destitute parts of the State with the preached word, we are constrained by the pecuniary embarrassments of the country, and especially by the want of funds in the treasury, to feel, that only such portions as are most destitute, and have been occupied by us heretofore, should now be occupied as Missionary ground. We would particularly recommend to the notice of the Convention, that portion of the Creek country in which our Missionary labored last year. Extensive destitution prevails in the Southern part of the State; also, in the Eastern counties, inviting our labors, where the Associations have not already provided a supply. Other sections also present strong claims upon our regards, and after a survey of the whole field, we feel the Convention is called upon to engage in the work of Domestic Missions with greater zeal and energy. In conclusion, we recommend, that the Executive Committee be instructed to employ, during the ensuing year, so far as funds will justify, efficient men to travel in destitute regions.— And we would call upon our Ministers generally, to use more diligence in raising funds for this laudable object.

J. D. MOODIE, *Chairman*.

The committee on the Constitution reported a draft of an instrument, which was ordered to be printed with the Minutes, that it might be considered at the next meeting of the Convention.

The committee on the revision of the Constitution, beg leave to submit the following

CONSTITUTION, &c.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known by the name of "The Baptist State Convention of Alabama," and shall be composed of Delegates from Baptist Associations and Churches, from Missionary or other Benevolent Societies, composed of members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

ART. 2. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, first and second Vice Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer: together with a Board of Directors, as hereinafter named, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, out of her own body, and who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 3. The President, or in case of his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, in their order, shall preside at all deliberations of the Convention and discharge the duties usually imposed upon an Executive officer of deliberative bodies.

ART. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention in a well bound book, and soon after the rising of each regular meeting of this body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes of the same, and shall receive reasonable compensation for such service.

ART. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Convention, discharge the duties usually imposed upon that officer.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Convention, and hold the same subject to the order of this body, or of the Board of Directors, during the recess of the Convention after having first given security for the faithful discharge of his duties—to be approved by the Board of Director,—and he shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

ART. 7. The President, Vice Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, with nine other members of the Convention, to be elected as hereinbefore prescribed, shall compose the Board of Directors, five of whom, including the President or one of the Vice Presidents, shall form a quorum, authorized to transact any business of the Convention during the recess thereof, and shall report their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Convention.

ART. 8. The President shall have power to call a meeting of the Board whenever the exigency of circumstances may in his judgment require the same.

ART. 9. The business of this Convention shall be to encourage and promote, by all lawful means, the following objects, viz: Missions, Foreign and Domestic; Ministerial Education of such Ministers as may have been licensed by the churches to which they may respectively belong; Bible translations and distributions; Sunday Schools, Religious

Periodicals, Tract and Temperance Societies; a History of Baptists in this State, as well as all other objects, warranted by Christ in the Gospel. *Provided*, That such only as are in indigent circumstances, shall be received under the patronage of this Convention. *Provided, further*, That all applicants shall undergo an examination as to their hope in Christ and call to the Ministry, by the Board of Directors, before they are named as beneficiaries.

ART. 10. The Convention shall have the supreme control of any Literary or Theological Institution which has been, or may hereafter be originated in this body, and it shall choose for such Institution a Board of thirteen Trustees, biennially, seven of whom shall form a quorum, authorized to transact business; and the said Trustees shall, on all occasions, be subject to the control of the Convention, and make an annual report to the Convention of the state of such Institution.

ART. 11. This Convention may receive funds from all such persons as may be disposed to aid in either of the benevolent purposes mentioned in the ninth Article, and will faithfully apply funds contributed to the object which may be designated by the donor or donors.

ART. 12. The Convention shall employ agents, whose duty it shall be to make collections, obtain subscriptions from societies, solicit Churches and Associations to unite with the Convention, and to further all the objects of this body. All contingent expenses, such as printing minutes, &c. shall be proportionably taken from the several funds sent up annually to the Convention, when the general fund may be insufficient for that purpose.

ART. 13. The Convention shall have power to send Delegates to the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States, or to any other Baptist Assembly with which, in its wisdom it may wish to communicate.

ART. 14. The Convention shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.

ART. 15. Every church, association or society, as prescribed in the first Article, contributing to either of the objects specified in the ninth Article, shall have the privilege of sending to the Convention one Delegate for every ten dollars so contributed. *Provided*, That no association shall have more than ten, no church or society more than two Delegates.

ART. 16. The provisions of this constitution shall not prevent the Convention from voting a liberal donor a life member of the Convention whenever the same shall be deemed expedient.

ART. 17. The funds of this Convention shall be raised by voluntary contributions or donations, and not otherwise.

ART. 18. The Convention disclaims all right of exercising authority over any church or association, hereby acknowledging that every church is independent, and, within its own sphere, is accountable to no body of men on earth.

ART. 19. The above constitution may be altered or amended, by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any annual meeting, so as to preserve inviolate the eighteenth Article. *Provided*, the amendment shall have been introduced in writing at a previous annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. GUNN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Education presented the following Report :

The Committee on Education beg to report, That they approve the Resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees of Howard College postponing, for the present, further action in reference to the collegiate department, and establishing a Professorship of Theology. They also recommend, that so much of the Report of the Board as relates to this subject be printed with the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WELCH, *Chairman.*

The following is the part of the Report of the Board, above referred to.

"Your Board have had the endowment of a Theological Professorship under consideration. The ultimate object of the Convention, in all its efforts to establish an Institution of its own has been, the improvement of the rising ministry. And has not the time for action on this momentous subject fully arrived? Do not the wants of the church and of the world imperatively demand *action—immediate, vigorous action?* The existing state of society, and the rapid advances which the world is making in every department of human knowledge, earnestly call for correspondent improvement in the Christian ministry. And will the Baptist Churches longer hesitate to respond to the call? Shall it be said of the 30,000 Baptists of Alabama, whom God has blessed with wealth and intelligence, that they are unable or unwilling to provide any means for the improvement of those who are called to engage in the sacred work? They surely do not expect God to reverse the order of his providence, and miraculously bestow that intellectual capacity and mental discipline, which may be acquired by a diligent use of the means which He has placed in our power, and which He has in all ages abundantly blessed. Few can mistake a path so plain.

Relying, therefore, upon the cordial co-operation of the Convention, and of the denomination throughout the State, your Board, after mature and prayerful reflection, have unanimously adopted the following resolutions :

1. That there be established, in connection with the Institution now in operation, a PROFESSORSHIP OF THEOLOGY, *for the purpose of giving instruction to pious young men who bring evidence of their call to the Ministry from the churches to which they belong.*
2. That said Professorship be supported by the proceeds of an independent fund of Twenty Thousand Dollars, which shall be called the Permanent Theological Fund.

3. That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars be raised for the purpose of erecting a suitable building, purchasing Apparatus, &c.

4. That the said funds be raised on the following plan, viz :

All subscriptions *under* One Hundred Dollars to be payable on or before the first day of January 1844, and to be applied to building and other general purposes. All subscriptions *of* One Hundred Dollars and *over* be applied to the Permanent Theological Fund, and made payable on or before the first day of January 1848, with annual interest from the first day of January 1843.

5. That no subscription to the Permanent Theological Fund be obligatory, until the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars is subscribed to the same.

6. That one or more Agents be appointed, who shall enter upon his or their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Baptist State Convention.

7. That said Agents be required to close all subscriptions by Note or sealed Bond, at the time of taking the same.

Such is the plan which your Board have formed for the endowment of a Theological Department, and the basis of an Institution, which, if properly cherished and sustained by the fostering care of the Convention, with the blessing of Divine Providence, will eventually realize the fondest hopes of its friends, and become an efficient engine in the promotion of knowledge and evangelical piety. Let these plans be fully and energetically carried into execution ; let the Baptist Churches of Alabama awake to their interest and their duty ; let them place a due estimate upon the importance of a *holy* and *enlightened* ministry, and the time may not be very distant, when the Howard, as well as the Newton and Hamilton Seminaries, shall send forth annually her quota of laborers into the fields already white for the harvest ; when she too, shall pour a noble tide of knowledge and salvation into that river which is to make glad the city of our God.

While great reliance is placed upon the liberality of a few whose minds have been impressed with this important subject, it is hoped that the churches generally will not withhold their bounty from this branch of Christian enterprise. In what manner can those to whom God has given the goods of this world serve him more acceptably with their substance, than by contributing to a work like this ? The ministry is the appointed means of evangelizing the world and consummating the universal triumph of the church. But are we to expect the accomplishment of this glorious end without a corresponding effort to improve the qualifications of those who are called to the work ? The fearful struggle which is now waging between truth and error, between holiness and irreligion, calls urgently for a well-educated ministry. Those who enter the sacred office at the present day, should be '*thoroughly furnished unto every good work*'—prepared, not only to explain the cardinal doc-

trines of Christianity, but to defend the entire Christian system against the assaults of infidelity and scepticism, and the anti-Christian powers of a fallen world. Now, the legitimate object of ministerial education is, to give strength and skill to those 'who are set for the defence of the gospel,' and to enable the champion of the cross to wield successfully the weapons of his warfare. And when the church shall give this subject its proper rank in the great scheme of Christian benevolence, and shall provide means for the intellectual and moral discipline of the rising ministry commensurate with the mighty conquests to be achieved, then 'shall the Kingdoms of this world soon become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.' Then shall the 'light of Zion go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth.'"

The Committee on Finance reported the annexed, as showing the state of the Treasury :

Amount left in the hands of R. C. Armstrong by the former Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	-	\$193 55
Received from Centre Ridge Church,	-	-	-	-	-	26 50
						<hr/> \$220 05
Amount paid S. Henderson,	-	-	-	-	-	\$150 00
Uncurrent money,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00—153 00
						<hr/> 67 05
Amount now in the hands of of the Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	-	229 50

Total funds in the Treasury, - - - \$296 55

Brethren McWhorter, Anderson and Peters, were appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of last year.

The committee on Periodicals having failed to present any Report,

Voted, That the Convention recommend the Alabama Baptist, the Christian Index, the Baptist Expositor, and the Christian Review, to the special favor of the churches.

The committee on the Library submitted their Report. The committee to which was referred the subject of the Library of the Convention, now in possession of the Rev. D. P. Bestor, ask leave to make the following Report :

After a faithful investigation into the right of the Convention to the Library, your committee take pleasure in stating, as the result, that the Library in question was given to the Convention by a Literary Society in the Baptist Institute, at Greensborough, as a donation—without qualification or reservation, and that the same was in like manner accepted by the Convention at a former meeting. Such being the state of the facts; your committee believe it due to the donors, and but simple justice to the Convention, that the possession should be delivered over to the Convention or its order. They submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to take possession of said Library, and that they deliver the same to the Trustees of the Howard College.

G. W. GUNN, *Chairman*.

The committee on Agency and Nominations presented their Report. The committee to whom Agencies and Nominations were referred, would respectfully Report,

That it is expedient now to appoint a College Agent, who shall also act as a Missionary Agent. In case said Agent should deem it necessary, he shall recommend to the Executive Board another Agent, who shall act under his direction.

To complete the Executive Board, we submit the following names : E. D. King, Green Rives, J. S. Alison, R. P. Lide, Rev. W. Kirvan, W. W. Wyatt, C. H. Cleaveland, D. Gordon, W. B. Harralson. Rev. J. H. DEVOTIE, Agent.

R. ANDERSON, *Chairman*.

The Report was adopted, and the nominees duly elected.

Voted, That the Executive Committee be authorized to pay the College Agent a salary of One Thousand Dollars, per annum.

The Report on Foreign Missions was submitted.

The committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to present the following Report :

Sympathy, emphatically belongs to the Gospel of Christ. Its spirit breathes as follows—"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love." "Remember them who are in bonds as bound with them." "In meekness, instructing those who oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance unto life." When we look at the Saviour we see sympathy in all his actions and words. "When he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said he unto his disciples—"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." "When he beheld the city he wept over it, saying : If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day the things which belong unto thy peace." Such is the character of the Son of God, and such his Gospel. "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

In looking over the family of man, we see multitudes who are ignorant "of the true God and of Jesus Christ whom he hath sent," and at the same time hear him say, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.*" Shall we indulge in the sympathy of the Redeemer and obey his dying commands? "If any man love me he will keep my words." The condition of the heathen, cruel, superstitious, and idolatrous, calls for the exercise of our most tender and active sympathies. They are perishing, for the apostle says, "For as many as have sinned without law, shall also *perish* without law." If the word of God is put into our hands and the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, with

what energy should we run and bear the news of a Saviour's death. The success which attends the efforts of the Foreign Missionaries, presents an encouraging inducement to prosecute the work. Many have been taught and have embraced the Saviour, and have found eternal life; and many more are calling to us for life. Let every one, therefore, come up to this work with the bleeding cross, and the immortal soul fully in view, and act in such a manner that the Judge may at last say, he did what he could. "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee,

J. HARTWELL.

Voted, That all Baptist Ministers friendly to the objects of this Convention, be requested to take up a collection, or collections, for the same, and forward the amount to the Treasurer, Dr. C. BILLINGSLEY, Wetumpka, at the earliest opportunity.

Voted, That the funds of the Convention now in charge of Rev. D. P. Bestor, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Howard College, and applied to the Permanent Theological Fund—all said Bestor's responsibilities in reference to said funds having first been met.

Voted, That the committee appointed to receive the conveyance of the interest of Gen. King in the Judson Female Institute, also attend to the transfer of the building and premises now occupied by the Howard School, to Trustees of Howard College.

Voted, That the Executive Committee be instructed to appoint a Missionary to supply the church in Selma, provided they have funds in hand to sustain him.

Voted, That the Alabama Baptist Bible Society, be permitted to publish its Minutes in connection with the Journal of the Convention.

Resolved, That so much of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer as relates to the Bible cause, be appropriated to that object; that so much as relates to Foreign Missions, be appropriated accordingly: that a sufficient amount be appropriated to the payment for the printing of the Minutes, and that the remainder be paid over to the Home Missionary, who remains as yet unpaid.

Voted, To appropriate Eighty Dollars for printing the Minutes of the Convention.

Voted, That the Convention tenders its sincere thanks to the brethren and citizens of Montgomery who have extended to its members so kind and generous a hospitality during its session.

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention are affectionately tendered to the Pastors of the churches who have offered their pulpits to its ministers during the present session.

Voted, That this body offers its hearty thanks to the Session of the Presbyterian Church, for the use of their house of worship during the business sittings of the Convention.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the several ministers in this State, present the following :

DEAR BRETHREN :—You are aware that there has been for a number of years past an annual meeting, called the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Its objects have been set forth in the Constitution of the same, which are to devise, and carry into execution plans for the furtherance of the cause of Christ on the earth. Through want of co-operation of the denomination, our meetings have been thinly attended, and our measures have been slowly advanced. The great object of the Convention now, is the establishment of an Institution of learning, particularly one where those who are coming forward into the work of the gospel ministry may be instructed in those things which shall enable them to impart the truth of sacred scriptures in an intelligible, instructive and forcible manner. Every one must be convinced of the necessity of an enlightened ministry. That those who stand up to declare the truths of God, should be thoroughly furnished to every good work. This school is now attempted. It is to be an organization distinct in its operations and funds from the Howard College, though it is at the same place. The funds appropriated to the Theological department are distinct from any other funds of the Convention. This object of the Convention is so important, that if there were no other, it seems to us sufficient to call for the united effort of all our brethren in the ministry as well as of our brethren *not* in the ministry. Union is strength. When out of 30,000 Baptists in the State, not more than forty or fifty meet on such an occasion as this, and when so few attempt to carry forward measures affecting the whole denomination in the State, many shrink from the undertaking, and postpone till another year, *hoping* that there will be a more full attendance. Though few at this time are present, yet such is the number, that we think we may venture forward a little, and accordingly, as you will learn from our Minutes, we take measures to establish at once, on a permanent basis, a Theological professorship, and design to commence early in the coming year a Theological School at Marion, Perry county, where the young brethren may be aided in their studies as circumstances may require. We respectfully, earnestly, and even importunately, solicit and entreat your co-operation. COME UP AND HELP US. Dear brethren, do come and give us your countenance, advice and aid. We do not wish to go *alone*, or to go *before* you, but we want to go *with* you in this great work. We, therefore, by this circular addressed to each and every one of our brethren, especially request you, that you will come up to our next Convention, to be held at Marion, Perry county, on the 2d Lord's day in November, 1843. Come and add your influence to the efforts of the Convention, that we may be able to proceed with firmness and regularity in accomplishing the designs

before us, that we may be able to adopt such measures as shall be for the glory of God and the good of immortal souls.

In behalf of the committee,

Respectfully yours, in the bonds of the Gospel,

J. HARTWELL.

Adjourned. Remarks and Prayer by the President.

J. HARTWELL, *President*.

M. P. JEWETT, *Rec. Secretary*.

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J. H. DEVOTIE, *Correcsponding Secretary.*

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

ALABAMA B. BIBLE SOCIETY.

Held at Montgomery, November 15, 1842.

1. The President being absent, J. M. SCOTT, Vice President took the Chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. The following officers were then elected :

A. B. McWHORTER, *President.*

J. M. SCOTT, }
R. J. WARE, } *Vice Presidents.*

C. BILLINGSLEA, *Treasurer.*

S. S. SHERMAN, *Secretary.*

3. Report of the Board of Managers read and accepted.

4. The Treasurer's Report—the same as printed in the Minutes of last year.

5. A circular letter from Dr. Babcock, Home Secretary of the A. & F. B. Society was read and ordered to be printed.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board of Managers be instructed to make inquiry of the Rev. A. G. McCraw, relative to the funds in his possession, and that the same, when paid over, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for disbursement.

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend to pastors connected with this Society, to form Bible Societies in their respective churches, and take efficient measures to aid in circulating the Word of Life.

8. *Resolved*, That the Managers of this Society be instructed to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments, and attend to the distribution of the same.

9. *Resolved*, That the Agent of Howard College be requested to act as Agent for this Society.

MANAGERS.

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J. BURTON, "

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Adjourned, to meet in Marion, Perry county, on the second Friday in November, 1843.

A. B. McWHORTER, *President.*

S. S. SHERMAN, *Secretary.*

CIRCULAR.

ROOMS OF THE AMERICAN & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, }
 350 Broome Street, New York, 24 Sept. 1842. }

TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BIBLE SOCIETY.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Parent Society has rejoiced most sincerely in the relation which you have voluntarily assumed as one of its most important Auxiliaries, and they have been also gratified to notice the persevering fidelity with which year after year, you have co-operated in the great work of giving the Bible faithfully translated to the world. The managers are persuaded that you will receive in the same spirit of fraternal love, the appeal to you which is herewith submitted, to review the openings which Divine Providence seems now loudly calling on us to occupy. If these suggestions should lead you to feel that greater efforts and sacrifices on your part are demanded, we are persuaded that you will not feel displeased because we hold up the truth before you. Perhaps you will also feel the importance of endeavoring to increase the number of contributors to your Society, and to aid in the formation of similar auxiliaries in your vicinity.

In many parts of our own country there is found, notwithstanding all that has been done, a painful deficiency of Bibles and Testaments for the supply of our teeming population. Patriotism and philanthropy unite their claims with those of our allegiance to Christ our King, to demand of us every needed effort to meet this destitution with a prompt and faithful home distribution. Let us, as American Baptists, having direct access to perhaps a larger portion of the entire population of this country than any other denomination, see to it, that we are not behind any of them in our zealous liberality in the labor of love. Have your Society done anything, and if so, how much for this important part of our general object? Would it not be easy, very considerably to increase this department of your operations? Our last annual Report, which we presume has been furnished you, will give you every information in regard to the size, price, binding, &c. &c., of our Bibles and Testaments, so that you will be able to make out your orders for what you think may be needed by you and send them to us, accompanied by a remittance to meet the cost if possible, and thus furnish yourselves with the means of giving additional interest and value to your operations. Or when the amount of your collections has already been sent in as a donation, any portion of it which you may think proper to require, may be applied to this object, and a grant to that amount will on your request be promptly made by the parent Society, and the books sent as you may order them. We cannot but notice, that as a general thing, that those of our auxiliaries which are actively engaged to some

extent in home distribution, are more punctual, more vigorous and efficient than those who do not; and we think the reason is obvious. If you have not as yet tried the experiment, will you consider the propriety of doing so, and let us learn from you its result?

Next in proximity are found the claims of the Aborigines of our country, for whom a vigorous effort is now in progress by our Society to furnish them the Scriptures in their own language. On this subject it is not necessary here to enlarge, as all requisite information will be found in our last annual Report, pp. 18 21, and 9 13 of the Appendix. Sure we are, that you will not willingly neglect any facilities thus providentially thrown in your way, to impart to the warring race, who were lately the undisputed proprietors of the domain which we now claim, the gospel, which alone can save them from rapid extinction, and bless them with more than a remuneration for all the wrongs and injuries which they have experienced.

If then you look abroad, Europe, with the almost apostolical labors of Oncken and his associate in Germany and Denmark, and the perilous efforts of Buel and Love among the Greeks, seems to present some strong points of interest at this important crisis. How can American Christians better pay back the debt of gratitude which they owe to those who speak and read the German language into which the immortal Luther translated the word of God in the dawn of the Reformation, than by diffusing among the common people, that same venerated version of the word of God—thus cutting up by the roots the pestilential errors which the union of Church and State, and the speculations of a semi-infidel philosophy have threatened to pour out upon that ill fated country. Nor can the appeal for Greece, pp. 40 46 of the last annual Report, fail of awakening the deepest interest for that interesting country.

Nor will you omit to notice that *Asia*, with its heathen population reckoned by hundreds of millions, is now laid open to the word of life, as it never was before. Our own faithful versions ready to be scattered by hundreds of thousands, are only waiting your aid to print and distribute them; and *He* who has said, "my word shall not return void," will not fail to bless us in our efforts to obey his mandate. Even darkened and benighted *Africa* is beginning to open her eyes to the divine light. Shall we let it shine forth in unstinted beams to chase away the gloom of ages?

On the great family of American Baptists, a most solemn responsibility now rests. We have been characterised as Bible Christians, having a paramount regard to the law and testimony of Jehovah. He seems now to be taking us at our word, and putting back the question—"do ye indeed esteem the Bible above all price? Is it a consistent love, evincing its genuineness by diffusing the blessing of this salvation among benighted millions"? To us the Master says, "work while it is day--what thou doest, do quickly." Even while we hesitate and linger the heathen mil-

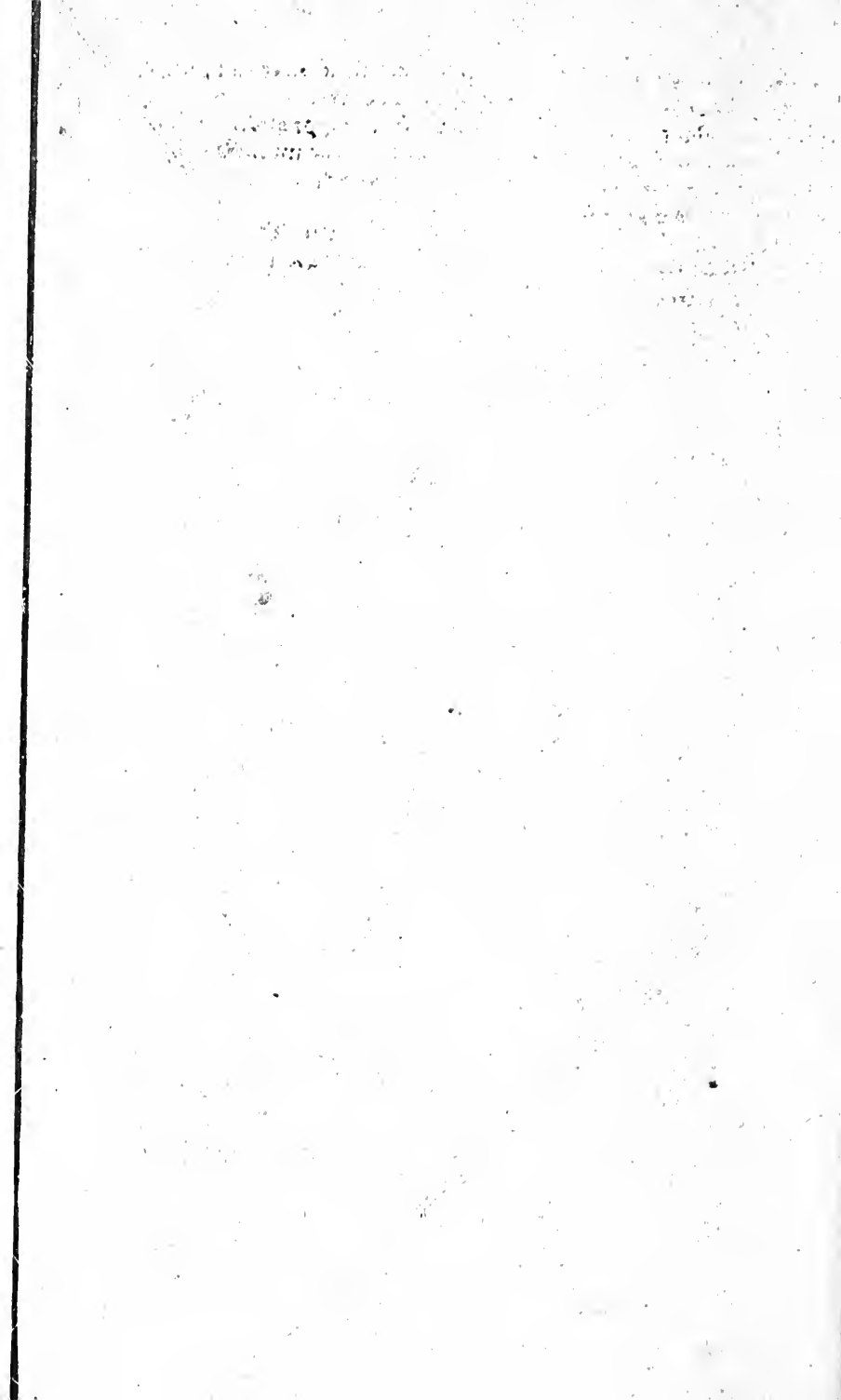
tions perish, unblessed with the only light which can save, and which God has put into our hands that we might spread it abroad.

Will you take the proper measures to bring this appeal before your Society at an early day, and let us hope to hear of your increased efficiency in the good work of giving the Bible to the world.

Yours most paternally,

RUFUSS BABCOOK,
Home Secretary of the American & Foreign B. Society.

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